

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Statement on the 51st Anniversary of the United States Supreme Court Decision in
*Roe v. Wade***

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Fifty-one years ago today, the Supreme Court recognized a woman's constitutional right to make deeply personal decisions with her doctor, free from the interference of politicians. Then, a year and a half ago, the Court made the extreme decision to overturn *Roe* and take away a constitutional right. As a result, tens of millions of women now live in States with extreme and dangerous abortion bans. Because of Republican elected officials, women's health and lives are at risk. In States across the country, women are being turned away from emergency rooms, forced to go to court to seek permission for the medical attention they need, and made to travel hundreds of miles for health care.

Even as Americans—from Ohio to Kentucky to Michigan to Kansas to California—have resoundingly rejected attempts to limit reproductive freedom, Republican elected officials continue to push for a national ban and devastating new restrictions across the country.

On this day and every day, Vice President Harris and I are fighting to protect women's reproductive freedom against Republican officials' dangerous, extreme, and out-of-touch agenda. We stand with the vast majority of Americans who support a woman's right to choose, and continue to call on Congress to restore the protections of *Roe* in Federal law once and for all.

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